

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title on the cover page, page 1, and the last page as follows:

~~APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR SCANNING MAINTENANCE~~ PREDICTION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A~~[[n]]-apparatus~~ method for predicting when maintenance is required for a scanner comprises ~~a tracking module configured to tracking~~ a quality parameter history in a scanner, ~~a prediction module configured to predicting~~ when maintenance is required based on the quality parameter history, and ~~a notification module configured to notifying~~ a user when maintenance is predicted to be required based on a quality parameter trend. The quality parameter is selected from a group consisting of an average brightness, a maximum brightness, a video gradient, and a contrast.